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LETTER

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 October 28, 2004

Sir:

Reference is made to the Office Action issued on September 8, 2004, in which three U.S. patents were cited in the Notice of References. However, this Notice did not include any information concerning the Mo patent relied upon in the rejection of claim 1 (paragraph 5. of the Office Action).

Pursuant to discussions of the undersigned with the Supervisor, Mr. S. J. Morano, within a matter of about two weeks from the date of receipt of the Office Action, the Examiner apparently left a telephone message with the wife of the undersigned providing a patent number. However, as discussed with the Supervisor, the proper approach is to issue a Supplemental Office Action making of record the particular

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reference omitted in the last Office Action and setting a new statutory period for response to the Office Action.

Attorney for applicant also left a message with the Examiner requesting that the normal procedure for the problems in this case be followed. However, to date, no Supplemental Office Action has been received.

Accordingly, applicant requests that the usual procedure for the missing citation of a reference also be followed in the instant case and that a Supplemental Office Action be issued as soon as possible setting a new date for response.

Respectfully submitted

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